

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-18 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

Claims 1-18 (canceled).

19. (new) A topical sunscreen composition, comprising a three-phase emulsion consisting essentially of at least one sunscreen filter, an emulsifier, one oily outer phase and two aqueous inner phases, one of said inner phases being a gel, and said at least one sunscreen filter being contained in at least one of said phases.

20. (new) The composition according to claim 19, wherein the oily outer phase comprises an oil in an amount of at least 2% and at most 50% by weight of the topical sunscreen composition.

21. (new) The composition according to claim 20, wherein the oily outer phase comprises an oil in an amount of 5 to 20% by weight of the topical sunscreen composition.

22. (new) A sunscreen composition according to claim 19, wherein the emulsifier is selected from the group consisting of alkylpolyglycosides, alkylpolyglycosides derived from fatty alcohols and the corresponding fatty alcohols, polyglycerol esters, polyglycol esters, polyol esters, alkoxylated polyglycerol esters, alkoxylated polyglycol esters, alkoxylated polyol esters and polyethyleneglycol / alkylglycol copolymers and mixtures thereof.

23. (new) A sunscreen composition according to claim 22, wherein the emulsifier is a combination of a first emulsifier which is a polyglycol polyhydroxystearate, a polyol polyhydroxystearate or alkoxylated polyol polyhydroxystearate, a polyglycerol ester or a polyethyleneglycol / alkylglycol

copolymer, and a second emulsifier which is an alkylpolyglycoside or a composition containing both alkylpolyglycosides and fatty alcohols.

24. (new) A sunscreen composition according to claim 19, wherein the sunscreen filter comprises 2% to 40% by weight of the topical sunscreen composition.

25. (new) A sunscreen composition according to claim 24, wherein the sunscreen filter comprises 5% to 20% by weight of the topical sunscreen composition.

26. (new) A sunscreen composition according to claim 19, wherein the gel phase comprises a polymer in an amount of 0.02% to 10% by weight of the gel phase.

27. (new) A sunscreen composition according to claim 26, wherein the polymer is present in the gel phase in an amount of 0.4 to 8% by weight.

28. (new) A sunscreen composition according to claim 19, which further comprises at least one mineral filler.

29. (new) A process for the manufacture of a sunscreen composition comprising a three-phase emulsion consisting essentially of at least one sunscreen filter, an emulsifier, one oily outer phase and two aqueous inner phases, one of said inner phases being a gel, and said at least one sunscreen filter being contained in at least one of said phases,

comprising the step of mixing a primary water-in-oil emulsion with an aqueous gel.

30. (new) The process according to claim 29, wherein 5 to 80% by weight of the primary emulsion is mixed with 20 to 95% by weight of the aqueous gel.

31. (new) The process according to claim 30, wherein 5 to 80% by weight of the primary emulsion is mixed with 40 to 90% by weight of the aqueous gel.

32. (new) The process according to claim 29, wherein the

primary emulsion is introduced into the aqueous gel.

33. (new) The process according to claim 29, wherein the aqueous gel is introduced into the primary emulsion.

34. (new) The process according to claim 29, wherein the aqueous gel is obtained by gelling an aqueous phase with a polymer.

35. (new) The process according to claim 34, wherein said polymer is present in an amount of between 0.02 and 10% by weight of the aqueous gel.

36. (new) The process according to claim 29, wherein the aqueous gel has a viscosity greater than 2000 cPs, as measured on a Brookfield LV at 6 rpm.

37. (new) The process according to claim 36, wherein said viscosity is greater than 20000 cPs.

38. (new) The process according claim 29, wherein the primary emulsion comprises from 5 to 90% by weight of oil.

39. (new) The process according to claim 29, wherein the primary emulsion comprises from 1 to 25% by weight of the emulsifier.